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BIOLOGICAL SURVEY SENDS  
INVESTIGATOR TO GUATEMALA

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Harry Malleis, field assistant of the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, left Washington, March 10, for the Lake Peten district and other points in Guatemala, with the plan to stop en-route at Belize and at Turneffe Island, off the coast of British Honduras. The main object of the expedition is to procure a number of specimens of the ocellated turkey and the curassow, with a view to attempting to acclimatize them on Sapalo Island, on the coast of Georgia, and to domesticate this species of turkey. In addition to this work, scientific collections and observations will be made of the birds, mammals, reptiles, and batrachians of the region to add to the Biological Survey's study material of North American wild life. Deer, peccaries, and other large species will be obtained when possible, and it is likely that a number of previously unknown birds will be secured, as in the tropical forests many species are encountered only at widely separated intervals. Part of the work will be done cooperatively with an expedition now in the Peten district, sent out by the Carnegie Institution.

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